

# **Site-Specific Iron Siltronic Corporation**

## **FFS Follow Up Meeting – DEQ NWR**

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# Topics

- Overview/FFS Alternatives Review
- Support for Recommended Alternative
  - Pilot Study Results
- DEQ Concerns
  - Iron from EHC
- Iron
  - Sources and Sinks
  - Data
- Conclusions



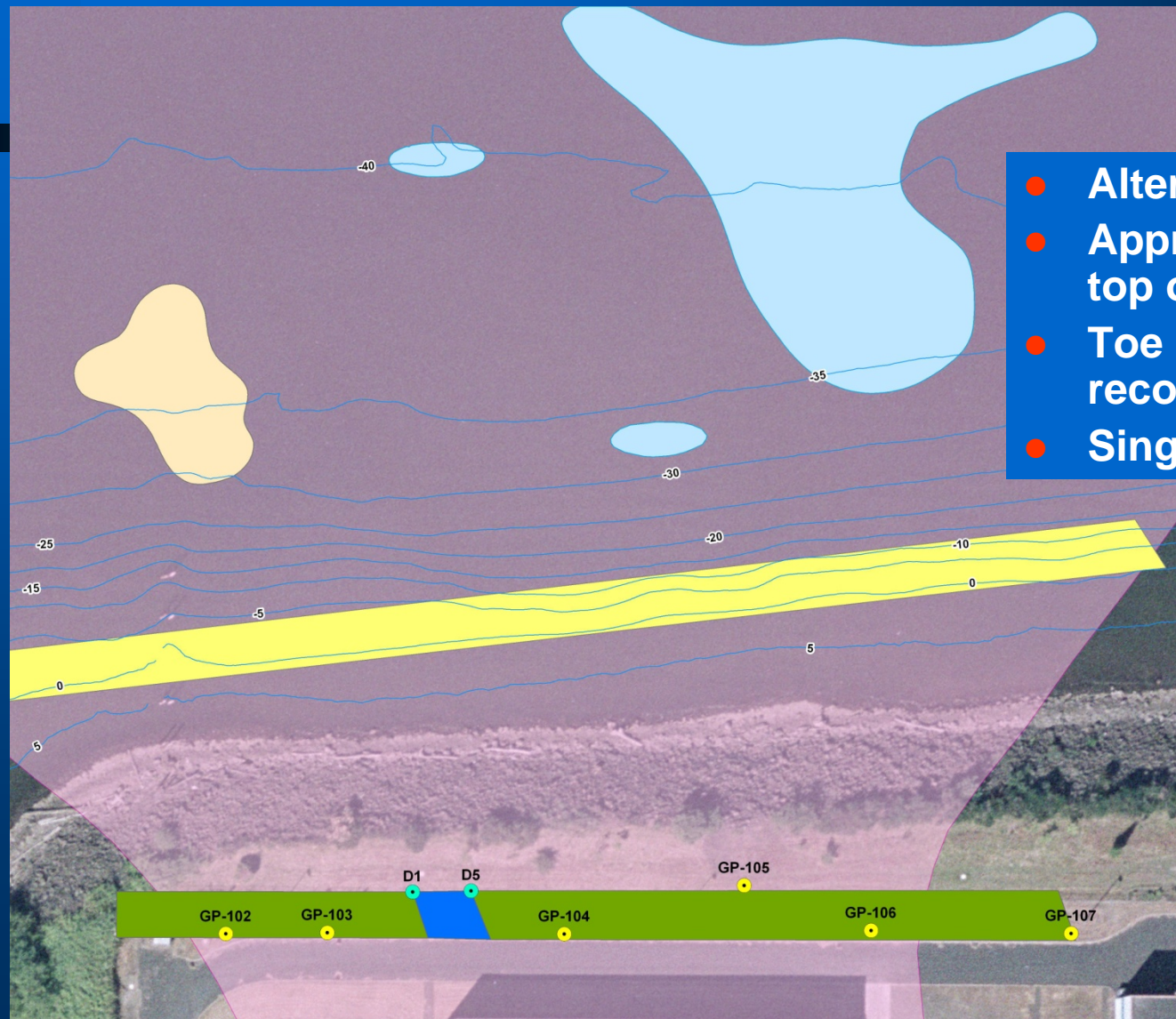
**TCE-related LOF (all media)**

# Siltronic FFS - Alternatives

Alternative	Non-Fiscal Balancing Factors		Cost		All Categories	
	Sum	Average Score	Estimated Cost (\$ Million)	Cost Score	Total	Total Average
Alternative 1: No action	7.5	1.88	0	0.0	8	1.5
Alternative 2: Source Area Treatment, Natural Attenuation for Downgradient Plume/Area 1	11.0	2.75	\$5.8M	4.0	15	3.0
Alternative 3: Source Area Treatment & Riverbank PRB at Top of Slope	<b>14.0</b>	<b>3.50</b>	<b>\$9.4M</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Alternative 4: Source Area Treatment & Riverbank PRB at Toe of Slope	11.0	2.75	\$12.8M	2.0	13	2.6
Alternative 5: Source Area Treatment Groundwater Extraction at Riverbank	9.0	2.25	\$15.3M	1.0	10	2.0
Alternative 6: Groundwater Extraction at Riverbank Only	8.0	2.00	\$9.5M	3.5	12	2.3



# Siltronic FFS Riverbank Injection

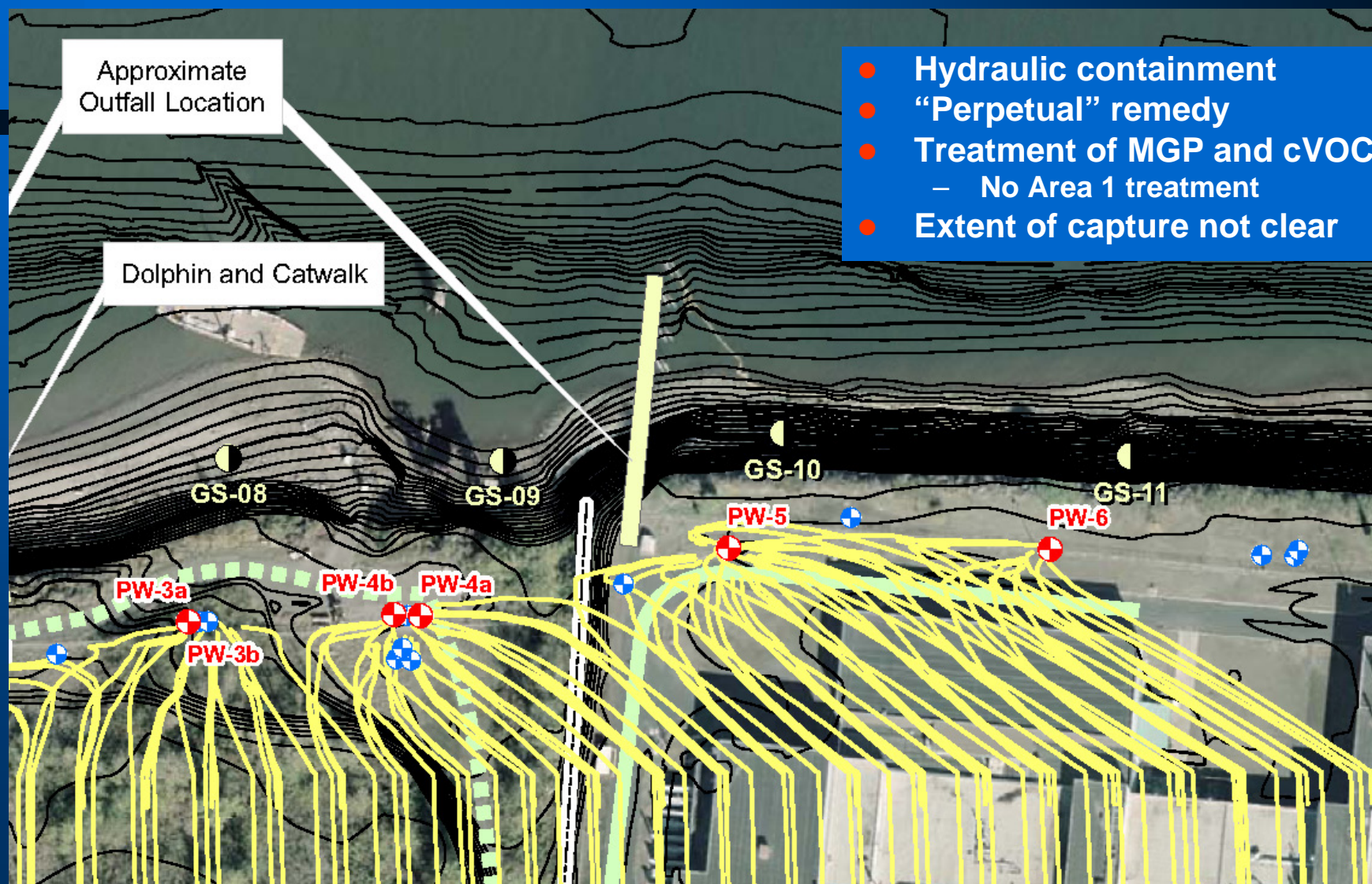


- Alternative 3a only
- Approx. 400 linear ft. at top of bank (green)
- Toe of slope (yellow) not recommended
- Single injection



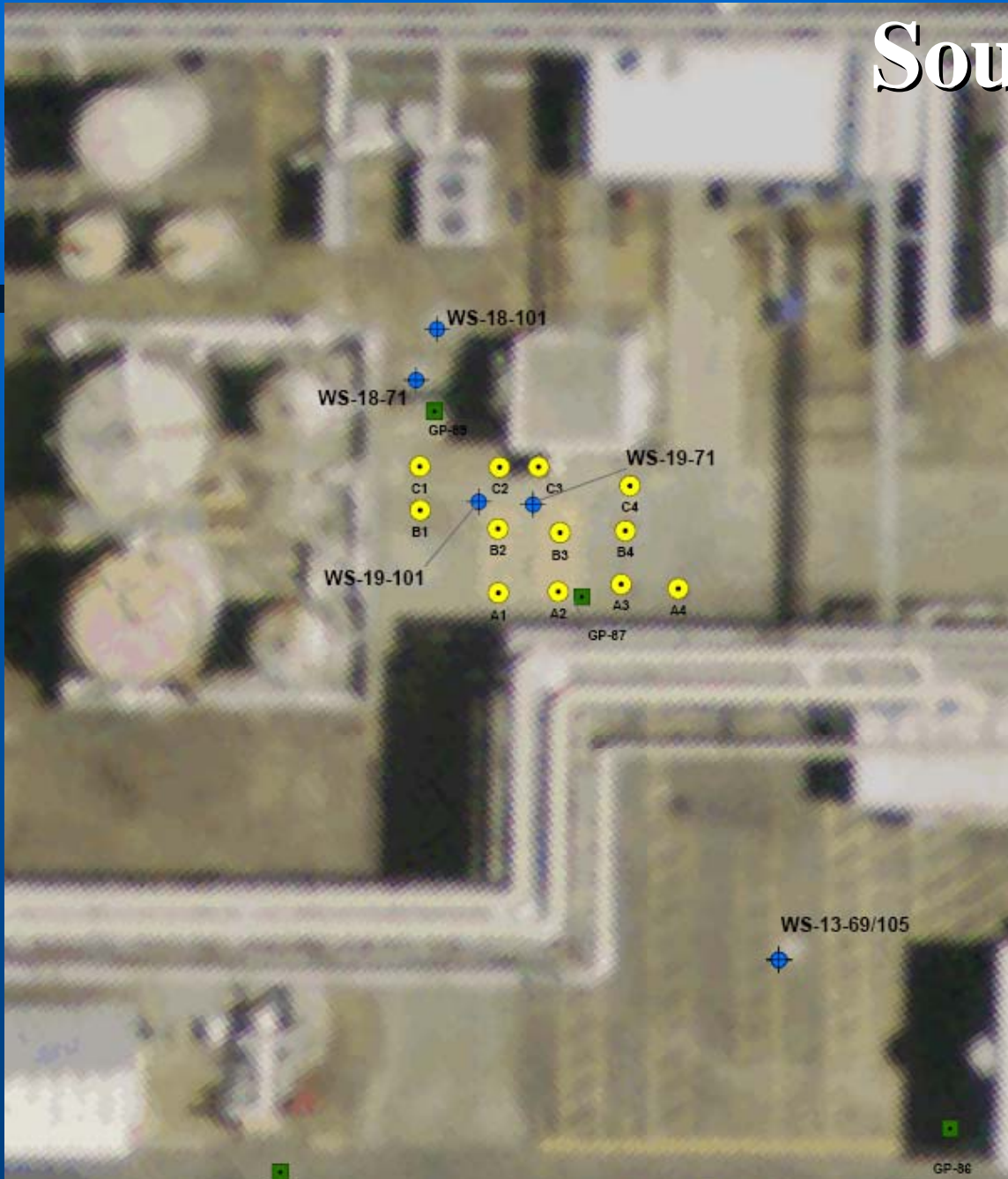
# NWN FFS

## Recommended Alternative



- Hydraulic containment
- “Perpetual” remedy
- Treatment of MGP and cVOCs
  - No Area 1 treatment
- Extent of capture not clear

# Source Area Layout





# Riverbank Layout





# Primary Results

- **Source area objectives**
  - Reduced TCE mass in source area by 94-99%
  - Enhanced bio treats potential TCE DNAPL zone
  - Overcame DCE stall – significant ethene and chloride production
- **Riverbank objective**
  - TCE, DCE, VC – ND or below SLVs at furthest downgradient well and in PRB

# Results

## Source Area - CVOCs

Source Area		Concentration (ug/L)				Percent Reduction
Well	Date	TCE	DCE	VC	CVOCs	Total CVOC
WS-19-71 (within PRB)	Jun-06	6,500	89,010	30	95,540	-
	Feb-08	ND	120	10,500	10,620	88.9%
WS-19-101 (within PRB)	Jun-06	92,900	39,497	22	132,419	-
	Feb-08	ND	94.3	156	250	99.8%
WS-18-71 (Downgradient)	Jun-06	7,990	91,624	26	99,640	-
	Feb-08	102	6,541	16,600	23,243	76.7%
WS-18-101 (Downgradient)	Jun-06	198,000	34,133	41	232,174	-
	Feb-08	2,920	97,315	24,900	125,135	46%

# Results

## Riverbank - CVOCs

Riverbank Area		Concentration (ug/L)				Percent Reduction
Well	Date	TCE	DCE	VC	CVOCs	Total CVOC
<i>Regulatory Screening Level</i>		3	70	2.4	--	
WS-22-112	Jun-06	584	3,074	474	4,132	-
(within PRB)	Feb-08	ND	ND	ND	ND	99.99%
WS-11-125	May-06	22.9	10,557	2,490	13,069	-
(Downgradient, with MGP DNAPL)	Feb-08	ND	80	16.4	96.4	99.3%
WS-20-112	Jun-06	1,100	10,067	1,610	12,777	-
(Downgradient)	Feb-08	ND	0.73	ND	0.73	99.99%



# FFS Recommendations

- **Alternative 3**
  - EIB at source and riverbank
  - Potential to treat Area 1 TZW
  - Sustainable/low footprint remedy
  - Not selected by DEQ
- **Alternative 2**
  - EIB at source
  - Coordination with NWN P&T
  - Natural attenuation for Area 1 TZW
  - Selected by DEQ

# DEQ Basis for Selecting Alternative 2

- **Iron from EIB PRB at Riverbank**
  - Might create iron precipitates
    - Formation of ferric hydroxide
    - Interference with extraction system
  - Might result in downgradient impacts
    - Elevated iron in groundwater/TZW
- **Jurisdiction**
  - Benefits related to Area 1 under EPA oversight

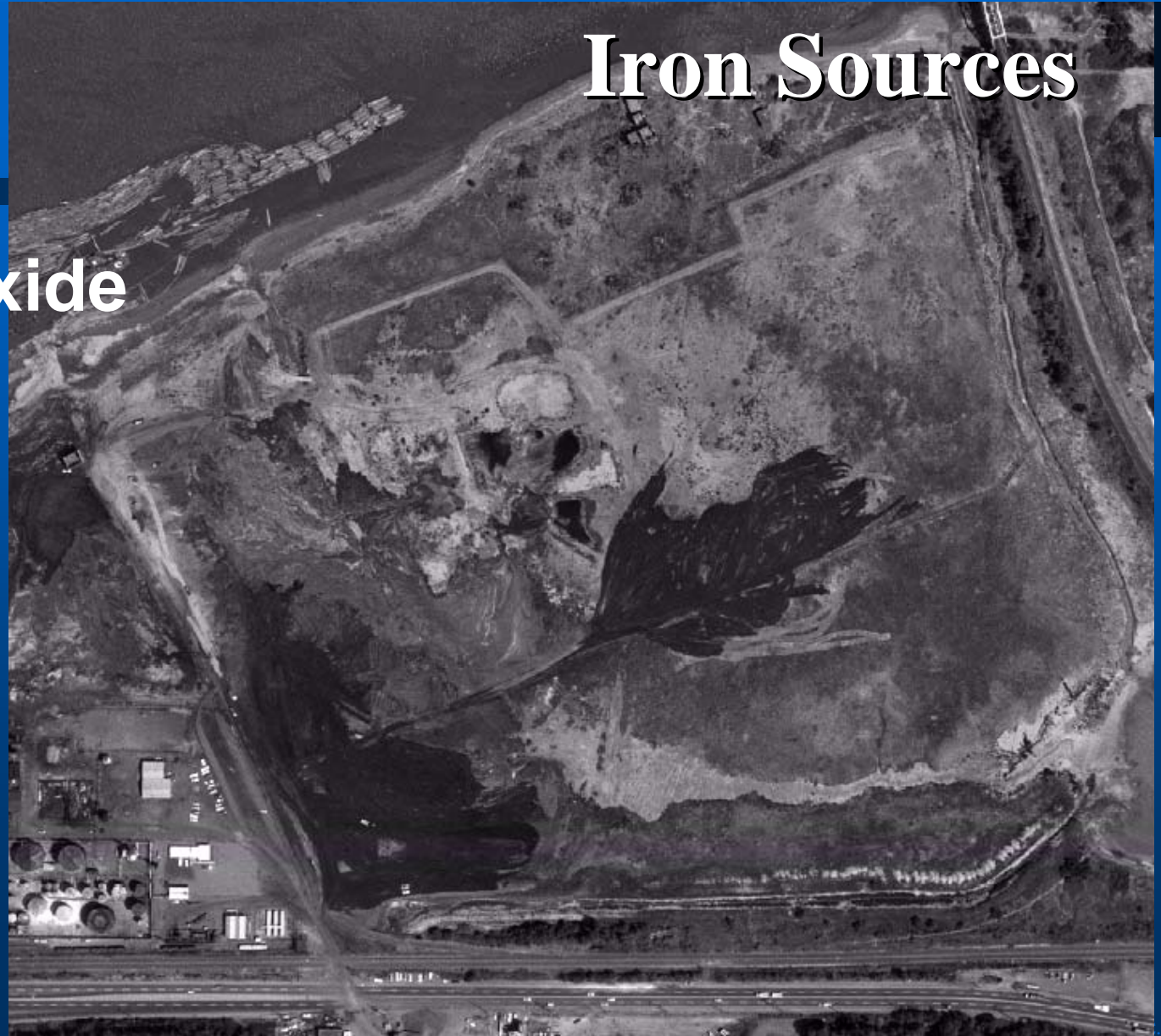
# Iron Sources

- **Spent Oxide**
  - Strong correlation with depth (-0.92)
  - Site “background” ranges from ~37 to 46 mg/L
  - As high as 465 mg/L – Gasco
  - Source of elevated sulfate, cyanide
- **Organic-enhanced solubility**
  - Iron chelated by oxidized organics from MGP waste
- **MGP DNAPL**
  - 50 – 100 mg/kg
  - Upland and riverbank wells
- **Iron-cyanide complexes**



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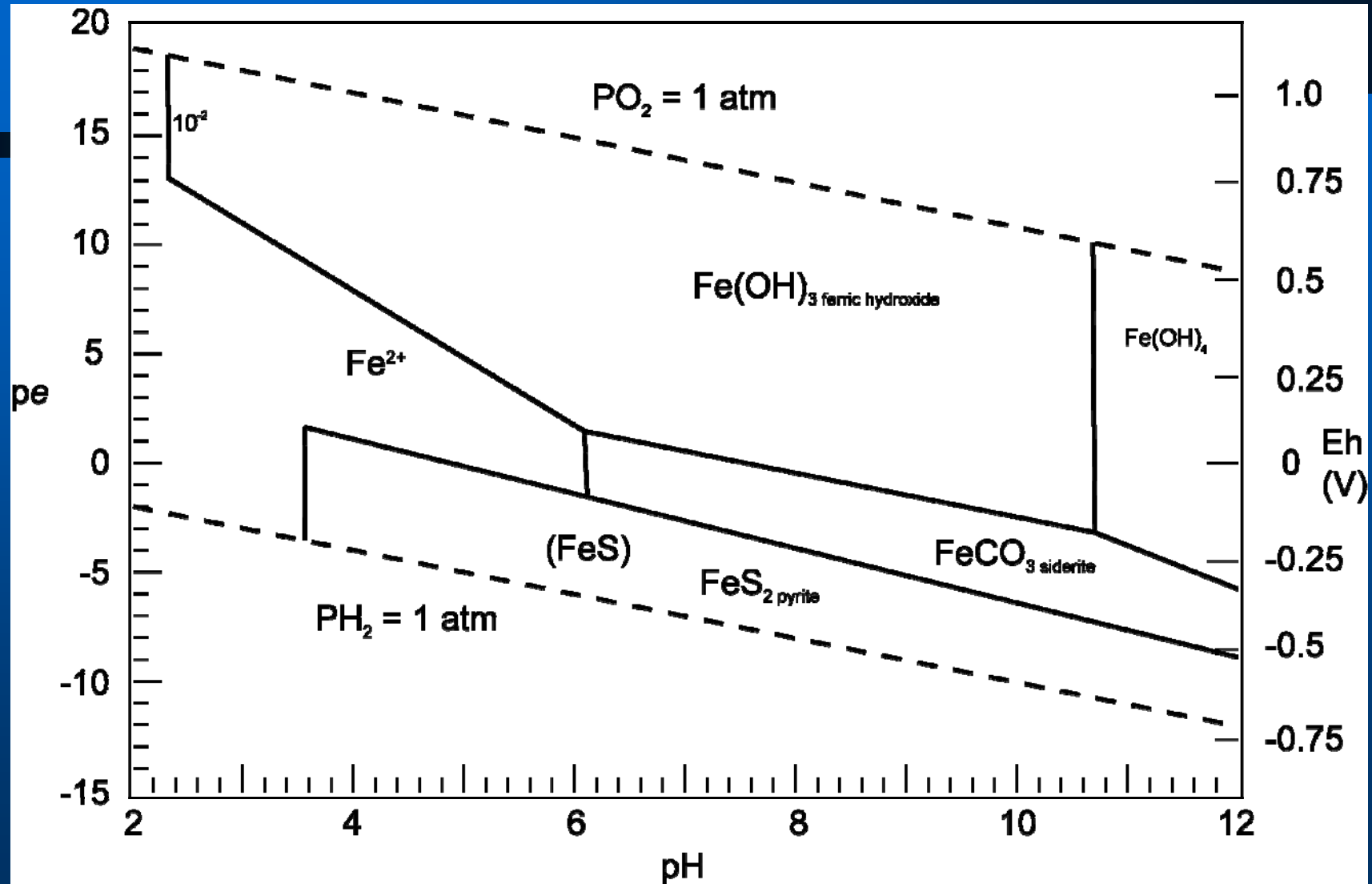


# Iron Sinks

- **Reactions in Low ORP Zone**
  - Formation of ferrous carbonates, sulfides
  - Thermodynamically stable precipitation
- **Confirmation with modeling**
  - PHREEQC model confirms supersaturation for siderite ( $\text{FeCO}_3$ )
- **Reactions Further Downgradient**
  - Formation of ferric hydroxides

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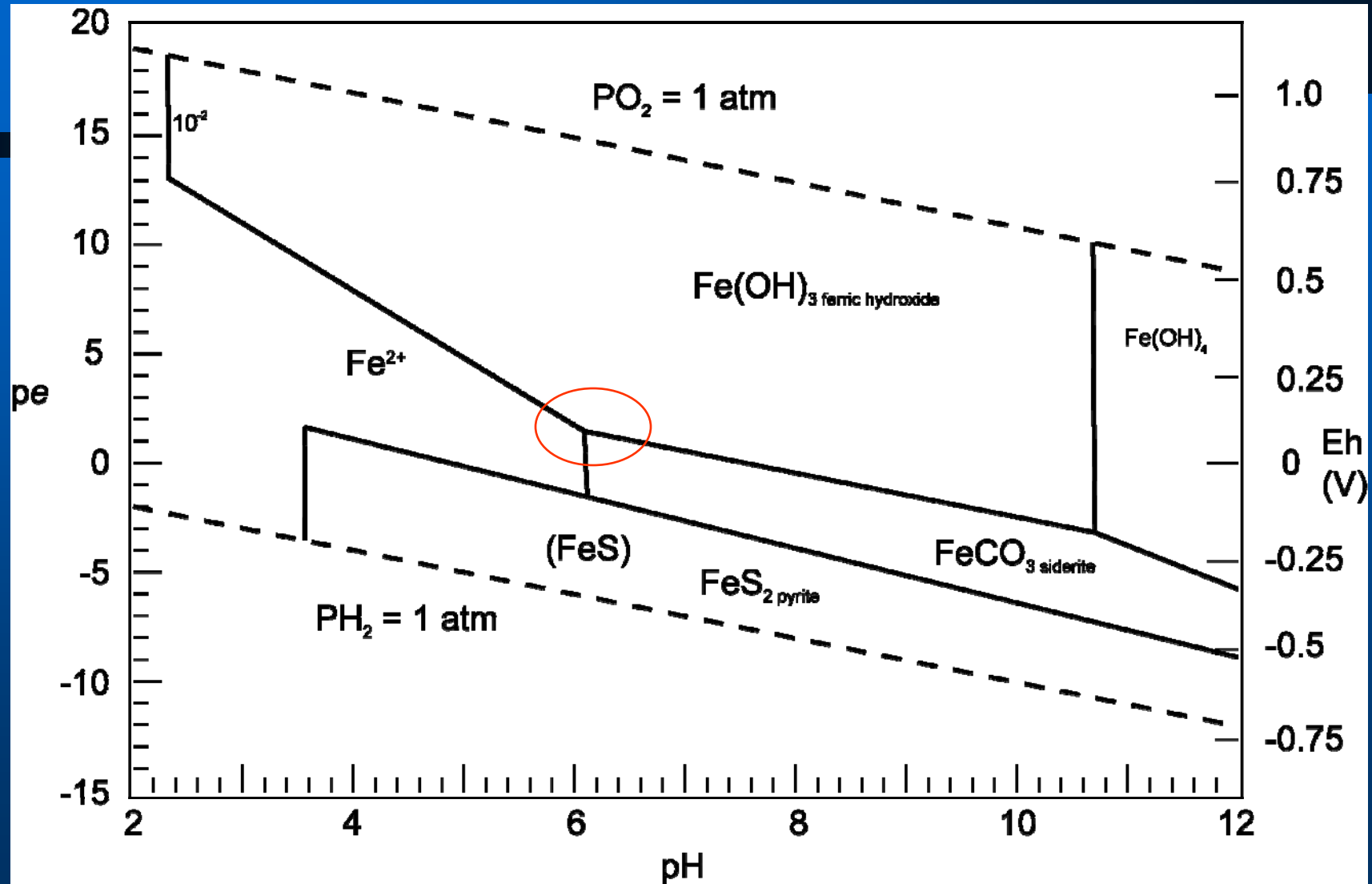
## Riverbank – Iron Precipitation





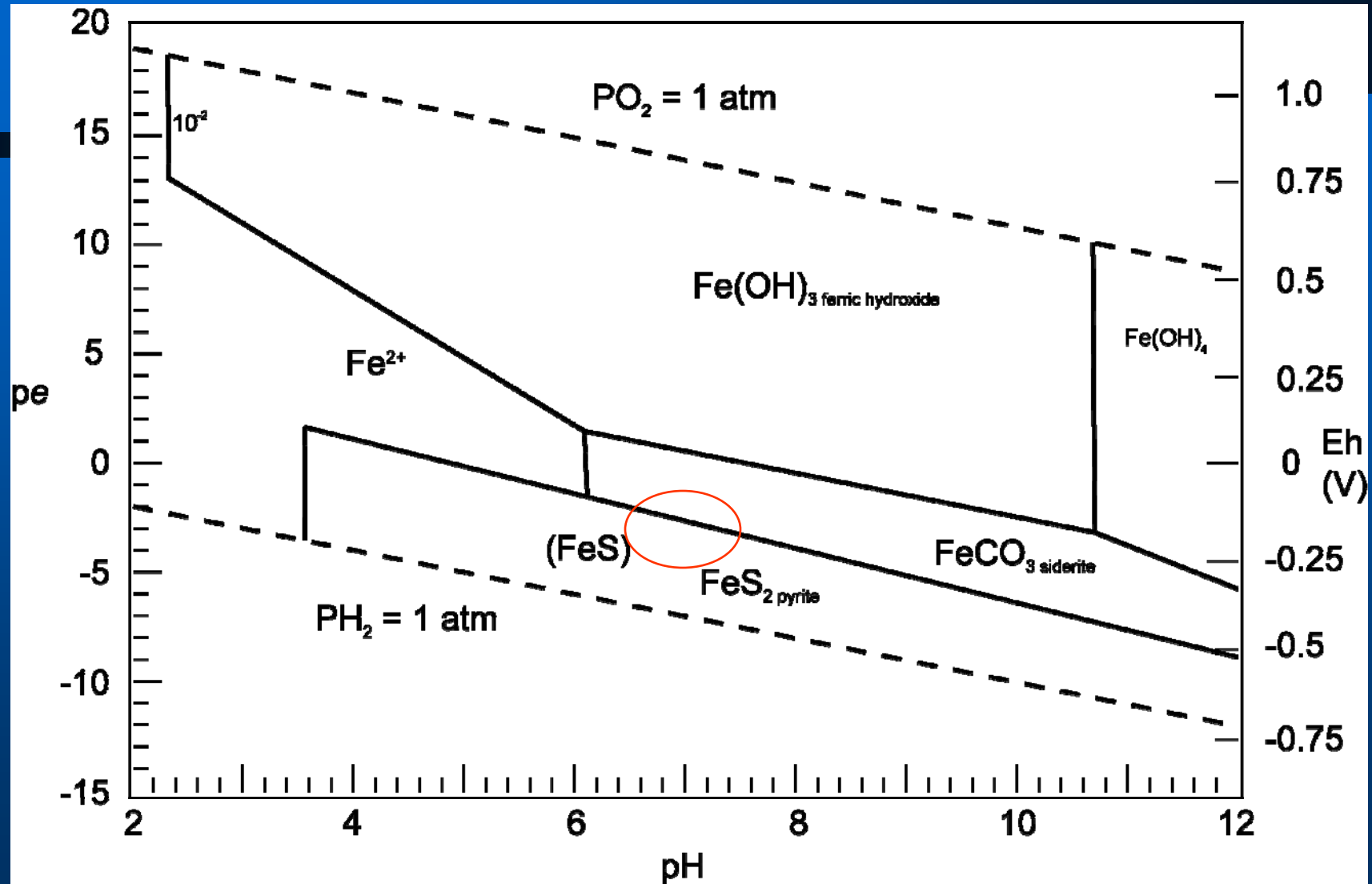
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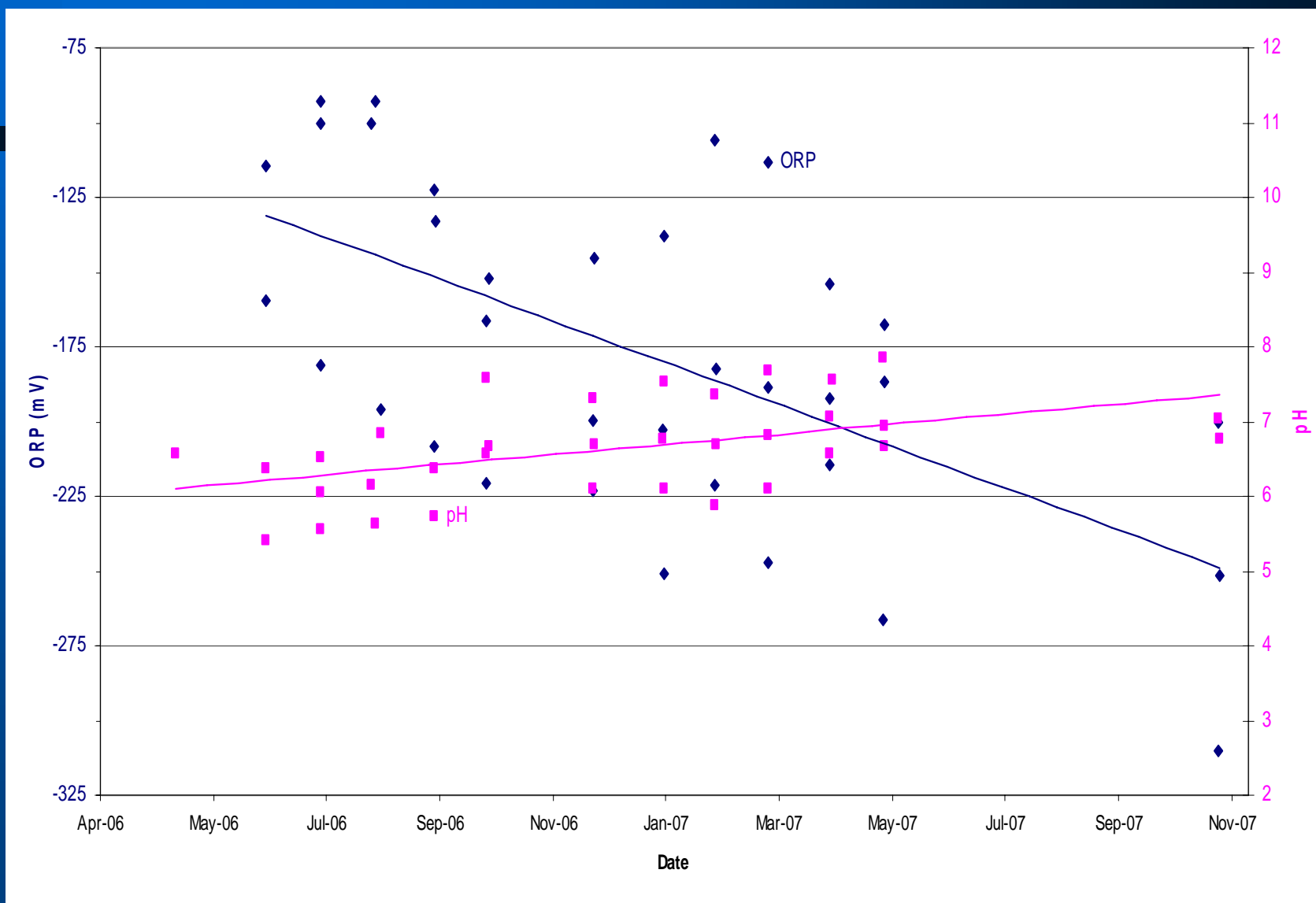
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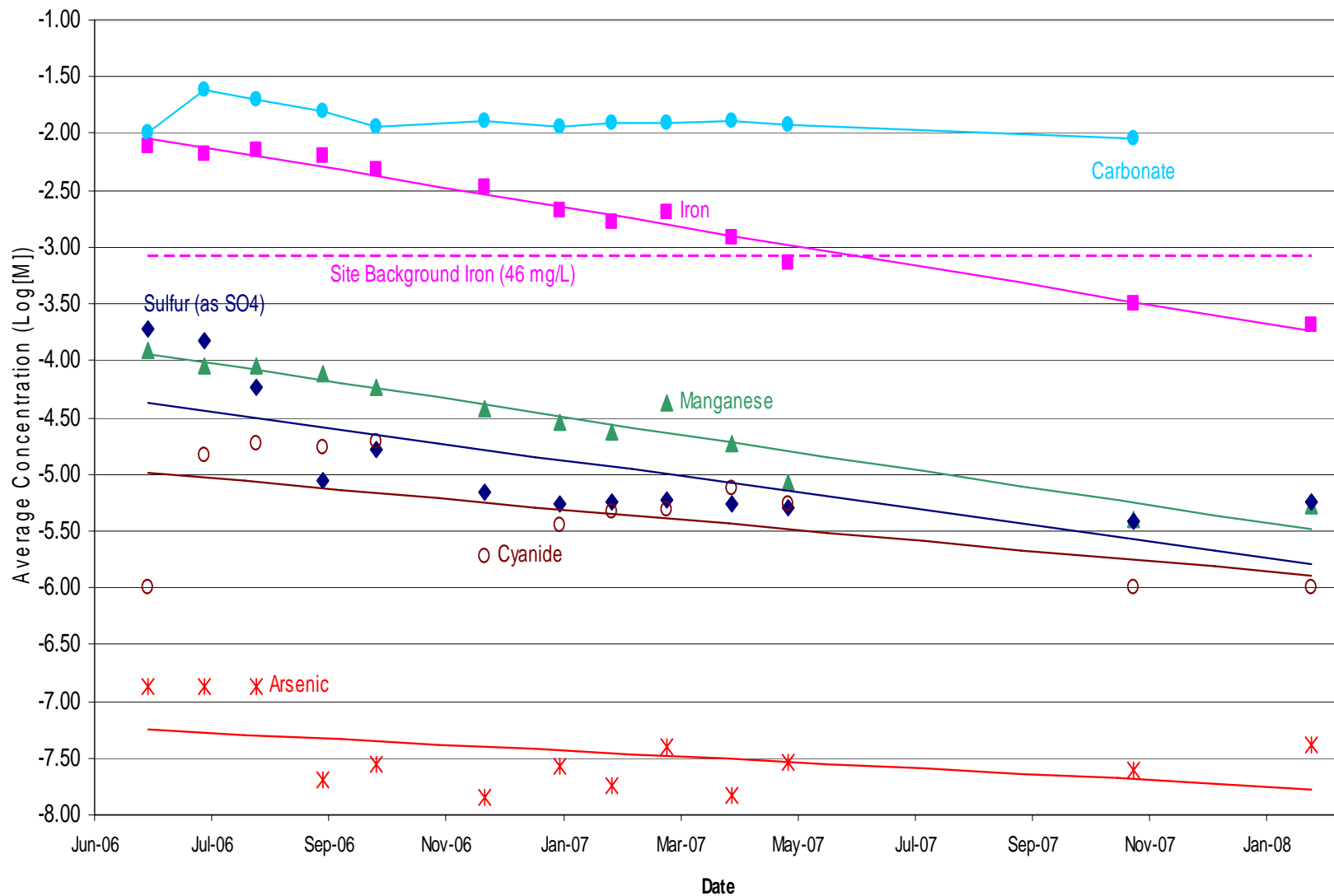
## Riverbank – ORP vs pH





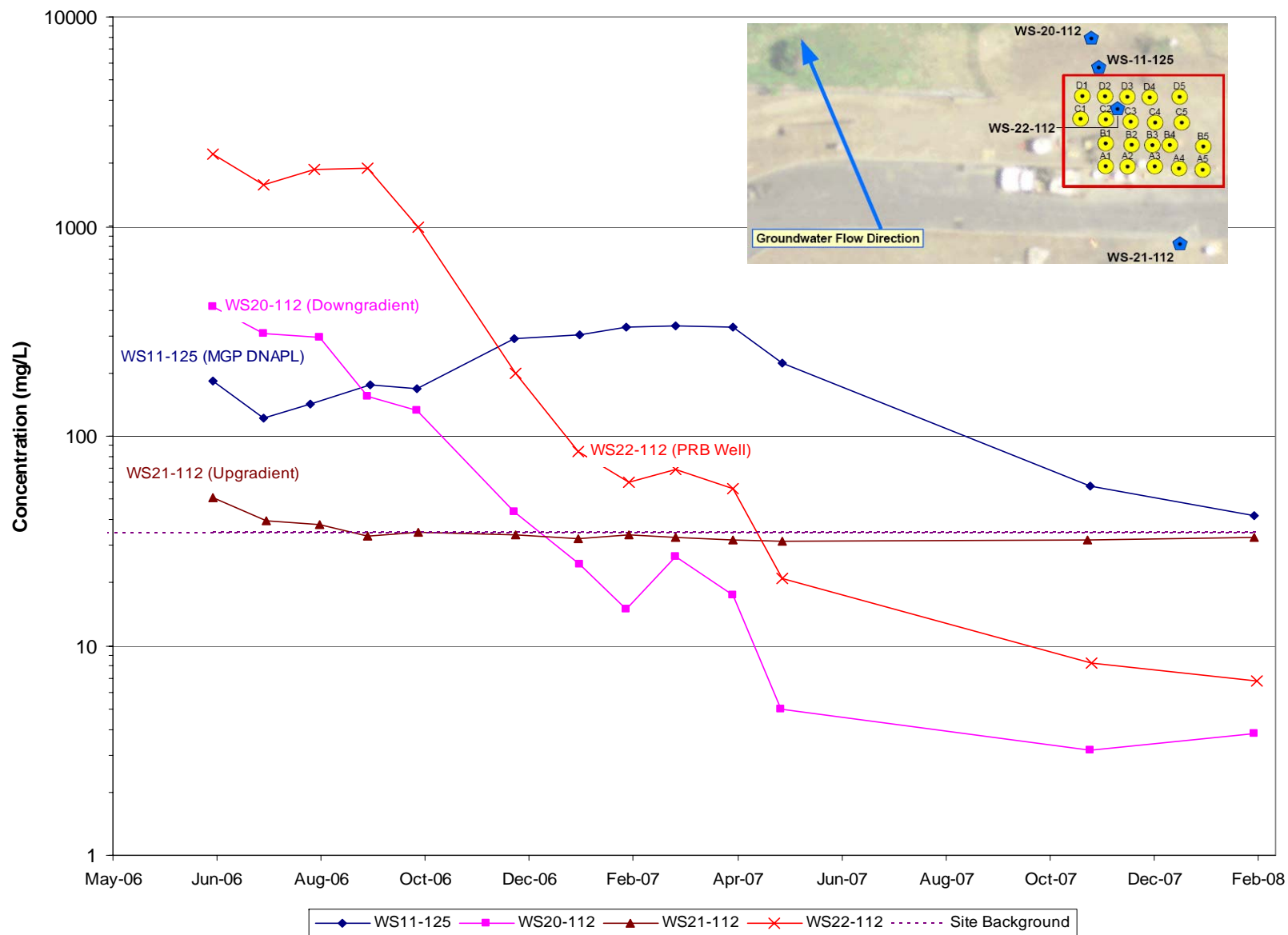
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## Riverbank – Reactive Species



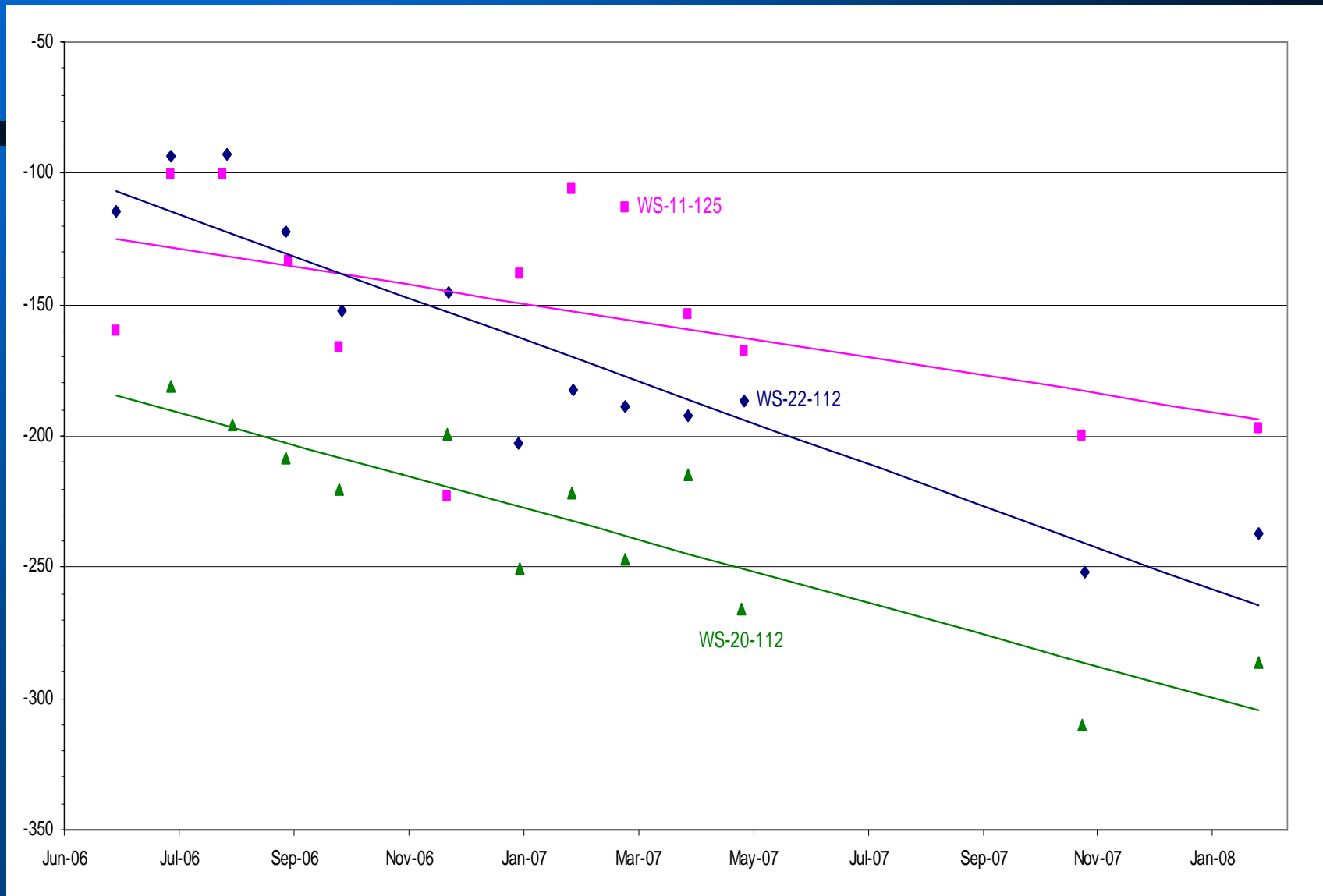
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## Riverbank Zone - Iron



# Results

## Riverbank – ORP Detail



# Conclusions

- Site background concentrations of iron in groundwater are elevated as a result of MGP waste.
- This iron is primarily present as ferrocyanide / ferricyanide anions and as  $\text{Fe}^{+2}$  cations, with enhanced solubility due to MGP-related organics.
- Enhanced reducing conditions resulting from implementation of an EIB PRB decrease the concentrations of iron (and manganese, sulfate, and cyanide) through formation of stable precipitates.
- Dissolved iron in groundwater is converted to stable solid minerals.

# Conclusions

- Elevated iron concentrations from implementation of an EIB PRB are *temporary* and reduced to *below background levels* through formation of stable precipitates.
- Pathway analysis confirmed by geochemical model.
- Geochemical model confirmed by field data.